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Dear General Smith:

The Department of State has an immediate requirement for a radio operator/technician to operate an emergency radio station at the American Legation, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This requirement was brought about by the recent reduction in the Legation's staff which made it necessary to discontinue the facility of the Military Attaché. It was determined essential, however, that the Legation maintain an emergency stand-by facility.

Recognizing that such an operation requires the assignment of a competent person specially trained in the techniques of emergency communications, the Department would appreciate your giving consideration to the possibility that your Agency could provide the operator on the same basis already agreed upon for similar services at other posts. Unfortunately the number of American employees permitted on the Legation's staff is critically limited and the person chosen for this assignment will have to perform the duties of an existing allocated position. The only opening in this respect is for a cryptographic clerk. The operator would be required to have proper security clearance from your Agency and the necessary aptitude to perform this type of work. The Department will provide the necessary training in the cryptographic systems currently in use at the Legation.

I understand that communications officials of the Department have already discussed this proposal with

appropriate

Lieutenant General Walter B. Smith,  
Director of Central Intelligence,  
Washington, D.C.

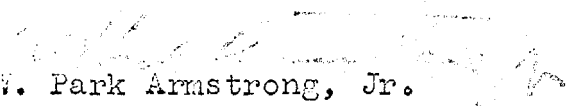
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appropriate officers of your Agency and that informal agreement has been reached on the subject.

Your early consideration of this matter will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

  
W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

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